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4-H Club Meeting, 3:30 p.m.	18
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Volunteers needed for NTCA dinner

NTCA parents and friends are needed to help with our annual Foundational Fund dinner and silent auction in March by contacting businesses for sponsorships and donations for the auction.

This year's Foundational Fund dinner, scheduled for Thursday, March 31st, will feature guest speaker Dr. Tim Elmore, who has written a book titled *Generation iY – Our Last Chance to Save Their Future*.

Dr. Elmore is an excellent speaker with an excellent message. His book is written about the second half of Gen Y, the population born since 1990. The Gen iY world has been shaped by iTunes, iMacs, iPods, iPads and for many of them, life is pretty much about "I." The book, however, is not another chance to whine about kids today. Quite the opposite, it's a book offering a plan to re-think how we raise, lead, and minister to this emerging generation. Dr. Elmore will give parents, teachers, grandparents, and youth leaders a practical plan for equipping Gen iY to be the best version of themselves.



Dr. Elmore

You can help make this a huge success for NTCA! To volunteer, contact the school office.

'No uniform' passes fundraiser ends Jan. 21

The 4th-7th grade classes are raising money to attend their yearly academic meet by selling No Uniform Tuesday passes. The passes are \$5 each

(buy 5 and get 1 free) and are being sold through Friday, January 21st. They can be used on Tuesdays through the

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Sweetheart Dance Feb. 5

Draw a heart on February 5th on your calendar to save the date for the annual NTCA Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance, which will be held at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church in McKinney.

The theme for this year's dance is "Butterfly Kisses." Tickets for the event are \$25 per family. For additional fees, you can have portraits made at the dance by a professional photographer and purchase a special wrist corsage. Refreshments will be served.

Not only is this a great opportunity for little girls ages 4 years old through 5th grade to have a "date" with Daddy or a special uncle, grandfather or friend in their life, but it will also help our 4th through 7th grade students. All profits from the dance will go toward their academic meet trips.

Volunteers are also needed to help the day of the dance. If you can help, contact Eve Mendoza at emen-doza@northtexaschristian.org.

Look for more information about the dance coming home soon.

A Message from Mrs. Young

Pre-enrollment has begun! This is the time for you to enroll for next year to guarantee placement for your children. We are anticipating substantial growth for the 2011–2012 school year, and we want to reserve a place for your family. Please enroll online and return any forms that you are asked to print along with enrollment fees by January 24th. Open enrollment will begin on January 25th. If you have difficulty logging on or do not have access to a computer, please call the school office (214-544-1794) for assistance.

NTCA has developed a new Student Referral Incentive Program for the 2011–2012 school year. It is our hope that this program will be a benefit to your family and NTCA as well. The program will give you the opportunity to earn money off your 2011–2012 tuition. With the incentive program, you will receive \$1,000 off your tuition for each Elementary or Middle School student referred and enrolled for the year. You will also receive \$500 off tuition for each preschool (2 day and KR) student referred and enrolled for the year. This could be a huge benefit to you. So, please use this opportunity to spread the word about NTCA and to help earn \$\$ toward your tuition!

God is good and has blessed our school. I know that he will continue to provide the growth as we continue to do his will at NTCA. Thank you for your hearts and willingness to help make this a great place for kids.

Ultimate Escape parent meeting to precede student presentation

Eric Tooley with Ultimate Escape will bring a program to NTCA and High Pointe for our families called "Images or Glory?" He has a biblically based presentation on how to protect our children from unacceptable and pornographic images in the media. Eric's message is critical to parents and young people and will help us all learn how to guard our children's hearts and minds.

Eric Tooley presents this fast-paced, interactive, Biblical program. Humor, games, and multi-media keep students engaged and make the information memorable.

- God's warnings about pornography in Romans 1 from the three phrases, "God gave them over..."
- Eric shares his own story about how pornography affected his

life.

- The glory of God is seen in God's gift of sex.
- Participants learn skills to equip themselves against the temptation of pornography.

Eric will be meeting with our 6th and 7th grade students on February 2nd. There will be a parent's meeting on January 30th at 5:00 p.m. at High Pointe in the chapel. I would encourage *all* parents to attend this presentation to see what Eric has to say. The parent program previews the student program. Parents learn how to protect their child. Eric equips them to become their child's sexual educator instead of the media.

Please email or call Mrs. Young for more information.

Cubs Corner



January's themes will be Jesus and His Miracles, Snow, and Transportation. We will work on the letters M, N, and O. Our color this month will be white, and we will review all the shapes we've learned up until this month. Our memory verse will be Psalm 92:5—"How great are your works O' Lord."

January birthday wishes go out to Tucker, Addison, Liam, and Niah! We hope you all have a day

as special as you are!

Mark on your calendar January 27th for our "Snow Day." We will plan lots of fun activities to celebrate snow. Watch for more details!

Don't forget that we provide a drop-off service in the mornings. You may pull up in the circle drive and we will come to the car and take your little one to class.

Cougar of the Month

Sara Mendoza was the November Cougar of the Month. She is in Mrs. Foster's sixth grade class.

"Sara has such a sweet spirit," Mrs. Foster said. "She shows so much care for others and their feelings. Sara shows how to be selfless by putting other people's needs before hers. She is a friend to all and cares about her friends. Sara is an awesome student and example to others."

Congratulations, Sara!



Sara Mendoza

November Students of the Week

Week of November 1	2nd – Morgan Pettway
KR – Gavin Fletcher	4th – Haylee Winstead
K – Kathryn Van Druff	
1st – Seth Autry	Week of November 15
2nd – Bradey Zimmerman	KR – Valerie Ndofo
3rd – Nick Lincks	K – Evah-Luv Mendoza
4th – Joe Young	1st – Lelia Williams
5th/6th/7th – Sara Mendoza	2nd – Hayden Winstead
	3rd – Brad Wolgamott
	4th – Grant Fletcher
Week of November 8	5th/6th/7th – Justin Kirkconnell
K – Kathryn Van Druff	

Classroom News

Kindergarten Readiness

KR is more than halfway through learning all of our letters and sounds. Although we've already had an out-of-school Snow Day this month, we will be having an in-school Snow Day on January 27th. The kids will be able to wear their pajamas to school that day and participate in a ton of fun activities!

Kindergarten

In Kindergarten we are learning all

about animals during science. We even had a tree frog visit! We are having fun learning that animals live in different habitats and that no kinds of animals are alike because God made them all special. We have also begun our real reading groups and have had a great start to our new routine in January. We love reading words and writing in our journals. In math we have started to learn to measure our shoes and all kinds of things in our room. We are looking forward to the 100th day of school in February and have been

counting the days leading up to it.

Second Grade

Second grade is beginning a unit on government in Social Studies. Some of the students are already quite opinionated on their political views. The students seem especially interested in presidents and monuments of America. We are beginning to learn how countries, states, and cities are governed and by whom. We are learning how to say all the months and days of the week in Spanish class.

4-H Club meeting Jan. 18

The 4-H Club will hold its first meeting at 3:30 p.m. on January 18th. The meeting will be over at 4:30 p.m. Parents will need to pick up their children that are not enrolled in Cougar Camp promptly at 4:30 at the east doors (facing Hwy. 75). A form will be sent home with meeting information, and parents will need to return the form indicating whether their child will attend. At this meeting, we will be reviewing what 4-H is and what the students can expect. Parents are invited but not required to attend.

A special thanks to Nothing Bundt Cakes for sponsoring our Foundation Fund Event on March 31st. Please go by and try their yummy Bundt cakes and express your gratitude.



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469.952.5800 mckinney@nothingbundtcakes.com
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.– 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.– 6 p.m.

NTCA's 2010 Christmas Program

Arrest These Merry Gentlemen: A Christmas Caper

NTCA presented its annual Christmas program on December 9th. This year's production of "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen: A Christmas Caper" was under the direction of music teacher Mrs. Melanie Boyle. BELOW: Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness students perform a prelude of Christmas songs before the Elementary and Middle School students' production. TOP, RIGHT: Patrolman Rookie and Sergeant Joe Sabbath (played by Dawson Boyle and Mark Haaland) try to keep the peace in the sleepy little town of Bethlehem, but they hear about a band of rowdy shepherds headed to town from the fields. BOTTOM, RIGHT: Mrs. Young recognizes Mrs. Boyle for her hard work on the production and service to NTCA.



Cougars third-grade basketball season starts

The Cougars basketball team is ready to play, but they could use some fans to cheer them on.

Four NTCA third-grade students are competing on the Cougars team with other area youth as part of the City of McKinney League. All games are played on Saturdays at Evans Middle School. Good luck, Cougars! Here is the team's schedule:



- January 15, 11 a.m., vs. Prosper
- January 22, 10 a.m., vs. Buckeyes
- January 29, noon, vs. Cardinals
- February 5, 8 a.m., vs. Vipers
- February 12, 9 a.m., vs. Lions
- February 19, 10 a.m., vs. Mavericks

Cougar P.R.I.D.E. Needs You

We are seeking Cougar families who have gifts, talents, skills, and a little extra time to become involved in the Cougar P.R.I.D.E. Committee, which meets the second Tuesday of each month at the school.

P.R.I.D.E. stands for Philanthropy, Resource, Internal Communications, Development, and Events. Each area has opportunities for volunteers.

- **Philanthropy**—Helping our students develop a giving heart and generous spirit of serving others, such as Shoes for Orphan Souls
- **Resource**—a.k.a. "fund-raising" to help keep tuition rates rea-

sonable and provide scholarships.

- **Internal Communications**—newsletter, website
- **Development**—Everything from developing relationships with businesses to developing programs for our students.
- **Events**—Internal events such as the book fair and external events that give our students visibility in the community.

To volunteer, contact Joy Beach at 214.544.1794 or jbeach@northtexaschristian.org.

Our next meeting is at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 8th.



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Save the Date:

March 31—NTCA Foundational Fund Dinner

April 30 —Mother/Son Event

January Lunch Volunteer Schedule

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for helping with our lunch program. If you can help with our lunches, or if you need to reschedule for any reason, please contact Theresa Winstead at 214.544.1794 or email her at twinstead@northtexaschristian.org.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Emily Chapman, Kathy Brewer	4 Colleen Haaland	5 Tina Tennison, Joe Hicks, Linda Ndofo, Shannon Humphrey	6 Holly Milstead	7 Alison Mains, Teresa and James Shaw, Sharon Dunlap
10 Emily Chapman, Angie Klovstad	11 Colleen Haaland, Chris Vilches	12 Tina Tennison, Brenda Bartlett, Kelly Chacon, Jamie Pascale	13 Anndria Wilson	14 No School
17 No School	18 Colleen Haaland	19 Tina Tennison, Joe Hicks, Linda Ndofo, Shannon Humphrey	20 Holly Milstead	21 Alison Mains, Teresa and James Shaw, Sharon Dunlap
24 Emily Chapman, Kathy Brewer	25 Colleen Haaland, Chris Vilches	26 Tina Tennison, Brenda Bartlett, Kelly Chacon, Jamie Pascale	27 Anndria Wilson	28 Alison Mains, Vera Burrell, Ken Dunlap, Renee Hicks
31 Emily Chapman, Angie Klovstad				

'No uniform' passes available (continued)

end of the school year. Checks should be made payable to NTCA.

The students will be representing NTCA at their yearly academic meets in Austin and Abilene. See below to order your passes.

NO UNIFORM TUESDAYS

Fundraiser for 4th-7th Academic Meet

\$5.00=1 Tuesday Pass

Or

Buy 5, Get 1 Pass FREE

If you like to wear your comfortable clothes on Tuesdays, then you can purchase enough passes from now until the end of the year!!!

Sales will last through Friday, January 21st

Make checks payable to NTCA

Students' Names	Teacher	# of Passes	Cost
Total Cost:			